

AMENDMENT OF SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 25 as follows:

--The black colorant can be a dye and/or a pigment colorant. In one embodiment, the black colorant can be a dye selected from the group consisting of ~~pacified~~ Reactive Black 31, Direct Black 168, Acid Black 52, Direct Black 170, Direct Black 22, Direct Black 19, ~~Direct Black 168~~, Reactive Black 8, Solvent Black 13, Food Black 2, copper complexed azo black (such as available from Ilford), and combinations thereof. Typically, the black dye can be present in the ink-jet ink at from 0.1 wt% to 10 wt%. If a black pigment is used, such as a carbon black pigment, the pigment can be present in the liquid vehicle at from 0.1 wt% to 8 wt% by solids.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1 as follows:

--pH modification can be carried out such that the amphoteric surfactant, and optionally the amino acid, is in a zwitterionic state. Typically, pH balancing can occur such that the formulated ink-jet ink composition has a pH from about 6 to 8. In one embodiment, the pH can be about 7. In other embodiments, the ink-jet ink can include an acid to lower the pH to from 8 to 6, and in another embodiment, the ink-jet ink can include a base to raise the pH to from 6 to 8. However, these ranges are not considered to be the only workable ranges, as some amino acids and amphoteric surfactants can be functional for use at other pH levels, as would be known by those skilled in the art after considering the present invention.--